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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Arthur ASHMAN

Serial No: TBA

Confirmation No.: TBA

Filed: Herewith

Group Art Unit: TBA

For: **NOZZLE TIP FOR USE WITH SYRINGE AND METHOD FOR USING SAME**

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Mail Stop Patent Application
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the following preliminary remarks.

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. application number 10/132,793 filed April 24, 2002. In that application, claim 2 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 1), but would be allowable if rewritten in

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independent form. Claim 1 herein contains the subject matter of claim 2 of the parent application rewritten in independent form. Applicant therefore submits that claim 1 of the present application is allowable.

Claims 2-11 herein are dependent upon claim 1 and thus are patentable. They are also independently patentable. Applicant further submits that claims 12-18 are patentable.

Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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